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## ROCKY FLATS ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING COUNCIL

PLANT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING 8/11/88

## ATTENDANCE:

PATRICIA CORBETTA:	COLORADO DEPT. OF HEALTH
GEORGE DANCIC	"
PHIL BAILEY	RFEMC
TED BORST	"
FARRELL HOBBS	ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL
W. GALE BIGGS	BIGGS & ASSOC. (scientist)
JAN PILCHER	CITIZENS AGAINST RF CONTAMINATION
NAT MIULLO	EPA

## SUBJECTS DISCUSSED:

## SHORT TERM:

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN  
HEPA FILTERS  
POND CRETE INCIDENT

## LONG TERM:

OUTSIDE OVERSIGHT

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

The committee discussed the various aspects of the current plan and the possibility for members of the council to view this year's joint exercise. We were told a mass mailing is being prepared to inform area residents of the emergency plan and that copies of the last few exercises would be made available to the public.

Ted Borst agreed to write a letter to RF requesting technical information for each part of the emergency system.

Farrel Hobbs will check on possible council observation in this year's exercise.

Phil Bailey will contact Jeff Everitt of DODES concerning council observation of the exercise and invite DODES to our next meeting.

All information gathered will be reported to the public and placed in the RF information library (upon its formation).

## HEPA FILTERS:

The committee discussed the testing, efficiency, installation and maintenance of HEPA filters. Nat Miullo suggested a letter requesting independent evaluation of the filters. Possible evaluators:

DOE- Washington  
DOE- Oak Ridge  
OTA- Congressional agency  
Batelle Labs  
Univ. of Minnesota  
Harvard  
Other known experts.

ADMIN RECORD

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Jan Pilcher agreed to write the letters requesting assistance in forming a panel to conduct a study. There is a study that has been submitted for 'peer review' that would be helpful to the council.

#### POND CRETE:

The committee reviewed the pond crete incidents. Work has stopped on closure of the solar ponds. Both EPA and CDH stated they will actively pursue both closure and reprocessing that would include two plants.

A request was made to Farrel Hobbs to ascertain the following:

- How will delay of closure effect the environment.
- How long to reprocess pond crete?
- Will delay effect other cleanup.
- Cost of delay.

A short update on pond crete was requested for the full council.

#### LONG TERM: OUTSIDE OVERSIGHT

A lively discussion followed on the issue of outside oversight of nuclear and defense plant operations.

Areas for future discussion include:

Should there be greater enforcement powers exercised through existing agencies or should there be a new agency that would exercise independent authority.

Ted Borst noted Ft.St.Vrain has two full time inspectors from the NRC.

Nat brought up cross talk computers that would enable regulatory agencies to monitor plants at all times. A system is operational in Michigan between power plants and police stations.

The Bonkers/Adams bill was discussed. The bill would fund clean up efforts based on trust funds. Jan noted that it was important for funding to be independent of DOE. Nat suggested that DOE have line items in the budget for clean up as the DOE is already doing that.

The discussion included some thoughts on enforcement, accountability, lack of public trust or confidence.